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: NEGATIVE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR RECHARGEABLE LITHIUM

BATTERY AND METHOD OF PREPARING THE SAME

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Examiner

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Post Office Box 7068 Pasadena, CA 91109-7068

Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of June 27, 2003, applicant hereby elects Claim Group I, namely, claims 1-6, drawn to a negative active material for a rechargeable lithium battery, and species c, namely semi metals of Group IIIA.

Respectfully submitted,

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